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The Honorable Willard E. Tydings
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

There is submitted herewith the draft of a proposed bill "To provide for the administration of the Central Intelligence Agency, established pursuant to Section 132, National Security Act of 1947, and for other purposes."

This bill is substantially the same bill which was reported out unanimously as S. 2688 by the Senate Armed Services Committee in May 1948. It passed the Senate on 21 June 1948. Due to lack of time, this bill was not called up on the floor of the House, although it had been unanimously reported out of the House Armed Services Committee.

The purpose of the bill, as set forth in the Senate Armed Services Committee report of last year (Report No. 1302) is, "to grant to the Central Intelligence Agency the authorities necessary for its proper administration. The bill deals with procurement, travel, allowances and related expenses, general authorities, and methods of expenditures of appropriated funds. Further, it protects the confidential nature of the Agency's functions and makes provisions for the internal administration of the Agency. In almost all instances, the powers and authorities contained in the bill already exist for some other branch of the Government, and the bill merely extends similar authorities to the Central Intelligence Agency."

This proposed bill has been resubmitted to the Bureau of the Budget, and we have been advised that they have no objection to its presentation to the Congress in its present form.

Sincerely yours,

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